Advising Terms & Resources

Knowing and understanding these advising terms will be helpful as you plan your path to graduation.

In addition to your academic adviser, these advising resources provide easily-accessible guidance.

### The Basics

- **Credit.** A measure of instruction equal to 1 hour per week over the course of a semester (generally 15 weeks). For example, a three-credit class will meet for 3 hours per week.
- **Full-time student.** A student who registers for 12 or more credits during a semester.
- **Part-time student.** A student who registers for between 1 and 11 credits during a semester.

**NOTE:** Tuition, fees, and target graduation date are all impacted by a student's full-time or part-time status.

### Courses

- **Course code.** A four letter and four digit code used to identify a specific course. For example, PSYC 2010 is the course code for “Introduction to Psychology.”
- **CRN (course reference number).** A unique five-digit code used to identify a specific class within a semester (e.g., 10567).
- **Prerequisite.** A course that must be completed with a satisfactory grade (i.e., minimum grade of C) before enrolling in another course. For example, ENGL 1010 is a prerequisite for ENGL 1020.
- **Corequisite.** A course that must be completed simultaneously with another course. For example, MATH 0093 is a corequisite of MATH 1105. MATH 0093 must be taken during the same semester as MATH 1105.
- **Concurrency.** A course that, if not completed previously, may be taken at the same time.

### Academic Award Types

- **Certificate:** generally includes 18 to 30 credits (about 1 to 2 semesters).
- **Technical diploma:** generally includes 45 credits (about 3 semesters or 1.5 to 2 years).
- **Associate's degree:** generally includes 60 credits (about 4 semesters or 2 years).

### Registration

- **Priority registration.** A two-week scheduling period for current SLCC students. During this period, current students are eligible to register for classes prior to all new students.
- **Open registration.** The scheduling period for new first-time-in-college, new transfer, returning (previous), and visiting students.

### Schedule Changes

- **Add/drop.** Adjusting a scheduled class after registration, but prior to the add/drop deadline.
  - No affect on GPA (grade point average).
  - No affect on SAP (satisfactory academic progress).
  - **NOTE:** Financial aid will adjust if add/drop affects full-time or part-time status.
- **Withdraw.** Removing a scheduled class after the drop deadline, but prior to the withdrawal deadline.
  - Grade of “W” appears on transcript, however no impact on GPA.
  - Will affect SAP.

**NOTE:** Schedule change deadlines are posted on the academic calendar.

### Advising Resources

- **Advising handbook.** An online guide with tips on academic scheduling and degree planning.
- **College catalog.** An online collection of academic policies, procedures, requirements, and guidelines.
- **Degree plan.** A list of courses and requirements to complete a program.
- **Degree Works.** An online academic advising and degree audit system that monitors student progress toward degree completion. **COMING SOON**
- **LoLA (Logon Louisiana).** An online student information system that includes students’ personal information, academic records, unofficial transcript, financial aid summary, semester bill, and payment options.

See “FAQ” chapter of the advising handbook for additional information, as well as tips and suggestions for planning your path to graduation.